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EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - GROUP ART UNIT 1774**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
AKIHIKO NAKAZAWA ET AL. ) Examiner: L. Ferguson  
Application No.: 09/467,986 ) Group Art Unit: 1774  
Filed: December 21, 1999 )  
For: ENDLESS BELT FOR )  
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHY, )  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING )  
THE ENDLESS BELT, AND )  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS )  
HAVING THE ENDLESS BELT ) May 24, 2004

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

**A. Introductory Comments**

In response to the final Office Action dated March 22, 2004, please amend  
the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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